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JOSHUA WINSLOW PEIRCE.

THE late Col. Joshua Winslow Peirce was born in Portsmouth, N. H., on the 14th of May, 1791, and died in the same town on the 10th of April, 1874.

Col. Peirce would have been a man of mark in any community, from his strong and manly character, his sterling integrity, and his intellectual superiority. Of striking appearance, of polished and dignified manners, he realized one's ideal of the gentleman of the old school, and of a type more frequently found in England than in our own country. He was descended from a family which for more than two hundred years had occupied an eminent position; whose successive representatives had been men of high intelligence, of unblemished character, and of large possessions. Endowed with a vigorous constitution both in mind and body; encompassed from his childhood with every favoring influence; brought by the position and connections of his family into relations of familiar association with the best people of his day; trained in the well-known academy of Exeter, and afterward in the counting-house of an eminent and successful merchant; receiving the advantage, then far more rare than now, of an extended sojourn and travel in Europe; it is but simple truth to say that he made good use of his many opportunities, and from the outset of his career to its close, occupied and maintained a position second to none in the community in which he lived. His manhood fulfilled the promise of his youth. He lived and died, respected and honored by all, and greatly beloved by those who knew him best.

No one who knew Col. Peirce could fail to be impressed by his strong and vigorous character. It showed itself in all he did and said. There was thoroughness and indomitable energy in all his

undertakings, coupled with habits of strict method and a great love of order. He was well-read in the current literature of the day; always deeply interested in the progress of the arts and the discoveries of science; having a great liking for, and unusual skill in, mechanical pursuits. His clearness of mental vision gave strength to all his convictions; his opinions were not hastily formed but were tenaciously held, and, when occasion required, fearlessly expressed, whether upon social or political or religious subjects. If his prejudices were sometimes strong, they were not invincible, for he was open to argument, and candid in weighing the reasoning of his opponents. His independence of nature made him superior to the love of popularity and to the pursuit of it, and kept him through life from accepting public place or official position. He was impatient of all that was vulgar and pretentious and merely for show; intolerant of shuffling, prevarication and meanness. His dislike of ostentation led him to veil beneath a somewhat cold exterior, a generosity of character and a tenderness of feeling which were among his most striking traits, and which will be borne witness to by all who were admitted into the intimacy of his friendship. He was a sincere Christian, one of the firmest of friends, one of the most thoroughly honest and upright of men.

The first of the ancestors of Col. Peirce, of whom we find mention as settled in this country, is Daniel Peirce, of Watertown, afterward of Newbury, Mass. He had two sons, Daniel who died in Newbury in 1704, and Joshua who died in Woodbridge, New-Jersey, in 1670. From the "Rambles about Portsmouth," by the late Charles W. Brewster, Esq., to whom every citizen of that old town is under deep obligations for the preservation of interesting facts of its local history, and from an appreciative sketch of Col. Peirce in the "Boston Daily Advertiser," we learn that Daniel Peirce, the first of the name, with his son Joshua, purchased in the year 1666 a tract of land in New-Jersey, covering a large part of Perth Amboy. Hither he removed for a time, but afterward returned to his home in Newbury, where he died in 1677. His son, Joshua, established himself in Woodbridge, N. J. He married Dorothy, daughter of Major Robert Pike, of Salisbury, Mass., who, after his death, became the wife of John Knight, of Newbury. Joshua Peirce died, as has been said, in New-Jersey, in 1670, seven years before his father. He left behind him

one child, Sarah, and subsequently to his death, in the year 1670 was born his posthumous son Joshua. This Joshua, in or about the year 1700, after ineffectual attempts to recover the estate of his father in New-Jersey, settled in Portsmouth, N. H. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Hall, of Greenland, N. H. From this family of Halls were descended the Marches, of Greenland, and Gov. John Langdon, of Portsmouth. By inheritance from Joseph Hall, came to the Peirce family a considerable part of the noble farm in Greenland, still retained in their possession, and long the home of Col. Peirce. "The original Hall House," says Mr. Brewster, "was on the premises of Col. Peirce, near the spot where the sharp-roofed cottage now stands."

Joshua Peirce established himself in Portsmouth as a merchant, on the corner of Market Square and High Street. He was largely concerned in navigation, was a ship-owner, and left a good estate. He was a man of untiring industry, and "in the course of his life held the several offices of town-clerk, parish-clerk, proprietors of Portsmouth commons' clerk, selectman, representative, and for many years before his death was a member of His Majesty's council, and also recorder of deeds for the province; all which offices he held with credit to himself and gave general satisfaction." "Most of these records are extant, and, together with many private records, especially those of births, marriages and deaths in Portsmouth, which he kept for his own use, are valuable memorials of the times. After a life of strict integrity and varied usefulness, he died in 1743, having been the father of four sons and five daughters."

Daniel, the third son of Joshua Peirce, was born in Portsmouth in May, 1709, and was graduated from Harvard College in 1728. He married, in 1743, Anna, daughter of John Rindge, merchant, of Portsmouth, and a man of large estate, as appears from the list of 1727, where his name stands third in the number of those who paid the highest taxes, that of Joshua Peirce being the second. Daniel Peirce studied law, but never entered upon its practice. He succeeded his father as recorder of deeds for the province, holding this office until his death; and was also for several years a member of the king's council for New-Hampshire. He is described as having been "a man of very great natural parts, as well as acquired abilities: he

had likewise a great mechanical inclination and worked very ingeniously with his own hands." He was proverbial for his strict integrity, and died Dec. 5, 1773, leaving behind him three children, a fourth having died before him.

John, the second son of Daniel Peirce, received his mercantile education in the counting-house of Daniel Rindge, then one of the prominent merchants of Portsmouth, where he was a fellow-clerk with John Langdon, afterward governor of New-Hampshire. At an early age he was entrusted with the charge of the business affairs of his uncle, Mark Hunking Wentworth, Esq., son of Lieut. Gov. John W., and brother of Gov. Benning W. This he retained until the war of the revolution. He was also charged with the important interests of the Masonian proprietors. He was the principal agent in constructing the Piscataqua bridge in 1794; was one of the originators of the Portsmouth aqueduct in 1797, and was loan officer under the presidency of the elder Adams. He established an insurance office in Portsmouth, and conducted its affairs for many years preceding his death.

"Always open, honorable and correct in his conduct, and liberal in his charities, he enjoyed the respect and confidence of men of all parties." He married Mary, daughter of Peter Pearse, merchant, a native of Solcombe, near Lydemouth, Devonshire, England, who came to this country at the age of 14. The wife of Mr. Pearse was the daughter of the Honorable Jotham Odiorne, who died, a member of His Majesty's Council, in 1761, and who in 1720 married a daughter of Robert Cutt of Kittery. Mr. John Peirce was the father of six children, four sons and two daughters, and died on the 14th of June, 1814.

Joshua Winslow, the third son of John Peirce, was born on the 14th of May, 1791. He passed his childhood under the paternal roof until 1803, when he was entered at the Phillips Academy in Exeter, where he remained until Dec., 1807; taking a deep interest and bearing an active part during his pupilage in a military company made up of the students of the academy. On his removal from Exeter he was placed in the counting-house of the Hon. James Sheafe, representative and senator in the federal congress from New-Hampshire. Here he was soon promoted to the charge of the books, and to the oversight of

the shipping, in which Mr. Sheafe was an owner, thus acquiring a thorough familiarity with the details of maritime and mercantile pursuits. While yet with Mr. Sheafe he became a member of "the Gilman Blues," a military company, at that time of considerable distinction, under the command of Joshua Haven. He received his commission as captain from Gov. John Taylor Gilman, in 1813; was promoted to be major of the first regiment of state militia in 1816; lieut. col. in 1819, and colonel in 1820. He resigned his commission in 1823. In 1818 he was elected into "the Federal Fire Society" of Portsmouth, and at the time of his death was its senior member. In 1816 he made a voyage to the Mediterranean as supercargo for Mr. Sheafe, and was absent from home a year. Having disposed of the cargo, he parted from the ship at Leghorn, and visited the principal countries and cities of Europe. Upon his return he continued his business and residence in Portsmouth to January, 1825, when he accepted an appointment as agent of the Salmon Falls Manufacturing Company, removing thither the next month and remaining till the destruction of the mill by fire in 1854. He devoted himself with his wonted energy and enthusiasm to his new pursuit, making many journeys of observation to distant places, in order to study improvements in machinery and manufacture. After the burning of the mill, and while it was not yet decided whether it should be rebuilt, Col. Peirce returned to Portsmouth and employed himself in improving the estate in Greenland. In December, 1836, he yielded to the solicitations of the company and returned to Salmon Falls, where he remained for nearly two years longer, during which time he superintended the erection of a new mill and the purchase of a large portion of its machinery. In August, 1838, he removed to the farm in Greenland, a considerable portion of which, as has been before mentioned, had come by inheritance from the Hall family nearly a century and a half before. This estate had been largely added to by the purchase of the Packer farm[1] next adjoining it, by his father in 1809. Here Col. Peirce passed the next twenty-eight years of his life, and "here he was able to gratify his taste and indulge his passion for independent country life. Here he brought up his family, and dispensed

[1] This farm was a part of the estate of Capt. Francis Champernowne as early as 1640, on which he lived, it is supposed, prior to his removal to Kittery.

those liberal and elegant hospitalities which made his house the cherished resort for a large circle of devoted friends. To see him at the head of his table, or in his drawing-room, always the chief object of interest and attraction, was to realize what is seldom witnessed in this country now, and rarely in former times except in Virginia in her colonial days. Those who have seen his large estate in Greenland and Newington, lying along the southerly shore of the Great Bay, with its broad acres of inexhaustible soil, in meadow, upland and orchard; its quaint houses and spacious barns; its fruit and shade trees; its strong fences of wood and faced stone; its herds of pure blood stock;[1] its constant aspect of skilful husbandry, need not to be told that Colonel Peirce was a model farmer."[2] In November, 1866, he removed to his town house in Portsmouth, and resided there until his death, April 10, 1874.

Colonel Peirce through life was a devoted churchman. Early in the episcopate of Bishop Griswold he received confirmation from the hands of that venerable prelate, and for nearly fifty years was a devout and constant communicant at the altar. Previous to his residence in Salmon Falls, the services of the Episcopal Church had been unknown in that village: he was largely instrumental in the erection of Christ church, and when a clergyman could not be obtained, regularly officiated himself as lay-reader. While living in Greenland, though at a distance of more than four miles from his parish church of St. John's, Portsmouth, his place in the house of God was rarely vacant. He was always ready to serve the Church which he so ardently loved, at whatever sacrifice of personal convenience or expenditure of labor or money. He succeeded his brother the late Mark W. Peirce, Esq., as treasurer of the trust funds of St. John's church, and retained the office until the infirmities of age compelled him to relinquish it. He was many years a church-warden, and a delegate to the diocesan conventions.

Thanks to his strong constitution and the perfect regularity and temperance of his life, Colonel Peirce preserved until four-score the vigor and almost the activity of youth. The last three years however were those of failing strength and increasing feebleness. During the

[1] In 1823, the short-horned Durham cattle were introduced upon this farm by direct importation, and the breed continues there to this day.

[2] A. H. Hoyt, in the *Boston Daily Advertiser* of April 17, 1874.

more than two years of his close confinement he was attended with the most unremitting affection, both by night and by day, by his devoted sons and daughters. No strange hands were allowed to minister to his necessities. Filial love watched over him to the last. His end was peace. He died firm in the faith of the Church, with an humble trust in the mercy of his God through Jesus Christ our Lord. His remains were taken to St. John's church, where he had so long worshipped, followed by his daughters, his surviving sister and brother, and a multitude of friends. They were borne thither by his sons, and after the performance of the solemn rites of the Church, were carried thence and laid in the family tomb in the church-yard by the same filial hands. There may they rest in peace until the day of the Resurrection!

Colonel Peirce was married on the 4th of May, 1823, to Emily, daughter of William Sheafe, Esq., of Portsmouth, and Anna Wentworth his wife. Mrs. Peirce died, March 9, 1871. They had twelve children, of whom seven are now living.

GENEALOGY.[1]

1. Daniel Peirce, blacksmith, the emigrant ancestor of this family, came in the Elizabeth from Ipswich, co. Suffolk, England, in 1634, aged 23 years, and settled in Watertown, Mass., of which he was one of the proprietors in February, 1636–7. He was made a freeman May 2, 1638, and removed to Newbury the same year. By wife Sarah, he had:

2. i. Daniel, b. May 15 (? 1638, in Watertown).
3. ii. Joshua, b. in Newbury, May 15, 1642.
4. iii. Martha, b. in Newbury, February 14, 1648–9.

The town-records of Newbury show that Sarah Peirce was married to Caleb Moody August 26, 1659, and died May 25, 1665. Coffin says she died August 25, and gives the names of their children as follows: 1. Daniel, born April 4, 1662. 2. Sarah, born July 23, 1664. There cannot be much doubt that she was a daughter of Daniel [1] and Sarah.

His first wife died July 17, 1654. He was married Dec. 26, 1654, to

[1] This genealogy has been gathered from family, town, and probate records. The compiler acknowledges assistance received, from Nathaniel Pierce, Esq., Counsellor-at-Law, of Newburyport, Mr. William Little, of Newbury, and Mr. Henry F. Waters, of Salem.
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Mrs. Ann Milward, probably the widow of Thomas Milward, first of Gloucester, afterward of Newbury, who died in Boston September 1, 1653.

March 4, 1645. "There was granted by the towne of Newbury to Daniel Peirce twelve akers of upland which the said Daniel Peirce requested, promising he would remain with us in Newbury as long as hee liveth unlesse hee should return to Old England." (Town Records.)

At the close of the summer of 1665, says Coffin (History of Newbury), by invitation of Governor Carteret, of New-Jersey, several persons went from Newbury and settled in a township, which, in honor of the Reverend John Woodbridge, of Newbury, was called Woodbridge. Of these emigrants some returned; others remained, and became distinguished both in civil and military life. Among them were Captain John Pike, ancestor of Gen. Zebulon M. Pike, killed at the battle of Queenstown in 1812; Thomas Bloomfield, ancestor of Joseph Bloomfield, for some years governor of New-Jersey; John Bishop, senior and junior; Jonathan Haynes, Henry Jaques, George March, Stephen Kent, Abraham Toppan, Jr., Elisha Ilsley, Hugh March, John Bloomfield, Samuel Moore, Nathaniel Webster, John Ilsley.

Governor Carteret, John Ogden and Luke Watson, on the 21st of May, 1666, says the Hon. William A. Whitehead (Coll. of New-Jersey His. Soc. Vol. i.), "entered into an agreement with Daniel Peirce and his associates for settling two townships: and on the 14th of December, 1666, in consideration of £80 sterling, they transferred to Peirce for that purpose one-half of the tract, 'known as Arthur Cull [Achter Kol] or Amboyle' [Amboy], as originally granted by Governor Nicholls; extending from the Raritan to Rahawack [Rahway] river, and running back into the country, according to the Indian deed. This deed was confirmed by another of similar tenor, dated 3d December, 1666, on the back of which Peirce endorsed the names of those interested with him in the grant, 'that is for the accommodating of the town now called Woodbridge;' he to have the first choice. His associates were Joshua Peirce, John Pike, John Bishop, Henry Jaques, and Hugh March of Newbury; Stephen Kent of Haverhill; Robert Dennis of Yarmouth, and John Smith of Barnstable in New-England. On the same day Peirce was commissioned deputy-surveyor to lay out the bounds of Woodbridge. On the 1st of June, 1669, he and his associates received a charter. * * On the 18th of December, 1666, a week after he obtained his first conveyance, Peirce transferred to John Martin, Charles Gilman, Hugh Dunn, and Hopewell Hull, one third part of the land he had thus acquired, and they and their associates founded the town of Piscataway," so named after the region in New-Hampshire and Maine bordering on the Piscataway or Piscataqua river.

In 1668 Daniel Peirce was a member of Governor Carteret's first council. He returned to Newbury as early as 1670, and took part in the protracted and bitter church controversy between the "Parker party" on the one side, and the "Woodman party" on the other, which excited public attention throughout New-England. (Cotlin's Hist. of Newbury, 72–112.)

Daniel Peirce died November 27, 1677. His will, dated Nov. 12, 1677, and proved March 26, 1678, makes his son Daniel sole executor, "desiring him to doe for his brother Joshua's children as he shall see in his discretion meet to be done for them;" mentions his "marriage agreement with Ann, my wife;" and gives to his "wife's son-in-law, Thomas Thorpe, a farm in

New-Jersey, situated upon Row [Rahway] River, joining to John Bishop's land."

His second wife Ann (Milward) died November 27, 1690. Her will, dated "Nov. 4, 1681," and proved "22 (2) 1691," mentions her "brother Richard Lowle" [Lowell], her "daughter Rebecca Thorpe," and "daughter Elizabeth Peirce," and makes her "son-in-law, Daniel Peirce," executor. Inventory dated "Nov. 27, 1690." Thomas Thorpe of Ipswich married Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Milward, in Boston, May 27, 1656.

2. Col. Daniel Peirce (*Daniel* [1] *and Sarah*), was prominent in the civil, ecclesiastical, and military affairs of Newbury. Like his father, he supported the Rev. Thomas Parker in the church troubles, in 1665-1672. At a legal meeting of the town held April 19, 1682: "There was voted to go to Ipswich to subscribe according to court order about Mr. Mason's clayme, captain Daniel Peirce, Mr. Richard Dummer, sergeant [Tristram] Coffin, sergeant [Caleb] Moody, Mr. John Woodbridge, Mr. Henry Sewall, Nicholas Noyes." At a county court held March 30, 1686, "captain Daniel Peirce," and others, "are commissioned to be magistrates by the court." October 21, 1686, "the committee chosen to divide and lay out the [common] lands were captain Daniel Peirce" and others. Dec. 1, 1686, "captain Daniel Peirce and captain Stephen Greenleaf, senior, were added to the deacons as overseers of the poor." March, 1690, "The Committee of Newbury appoint the house of Mr. Abraham Merrill to be a garrison house and request him with all convenient speed to fortify his house. Daniel Peirce, *Captain*."

Robert Pike thus writes in the year 1690: "Captain Peirce, captain Noyes, captain Greenleaf, and lieutenant Moores with the rest of the gentlemen of Newbury, whose assistance, next under God, was the means of the preservation of our towns of Salisbury and Amesbury in the day of our distress by the assaults of the enemy." October 18, 1700, "Voted that a pew be built for the minister's wife by the pulpit stairs [in the new meeting-house], that colonel Daniel Peirce should have the first choice for a pew, and major Thomas Noyes shall have the next choice, and that colonel Daniel Peirce, esquire, and Tristram Coffin, esquire, be impowered to procure a bell of about four hundred pounds weight."

Up to 1701, only two houses had been erected on the banks of the Merrimack in Newbury. One of them, owned by Dr. Humphrey Bradstreet, stood near the head of Hale's wharf; the other, owned by Col. Daniel Peirce, was farther south. The old stone house, the oldest in Newbury, built as early, probably, as 1660–70, and the farm on which it stands, were the property of Col. Daniel Peirce. They are now owned by Edward H. Little.

Daniel Peirce was a deputy to the general-court in 1682 and 1683; a member of the council of safety in the revolution of 1689; justice of the inferior court of common pleas for the county of Essex, 1698–1703; and representative under the new charter, 1692—1703.

Col. Daniel Peirce married, December 5, 1660, Elizabeth, born in 1644, daughter of Thomas and Ann Milward. They had:

i. Daniel, b. Dec. 20, 1663. He died Sept. 2, 1690; his daughter Joanna died Sept. 15, 1690, and wife Joanna died Sept. 16, 1690. At a court held at Ipswich, Sept. 30, 1690, letters of administration were

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granted to Capt. Daniel Peirce on the estate of his son Daniel, deceased. Inventory of Daniel Peirce, junior, who deceased September 2, 1690, and of his widow, Joanna, who deceased September 16, 1690, were presented by Capt. Daniel Peirce, September 30, 1690.

ii. Anne, b. May 22, 1666; probably first wife of Simon Wainwright, of Haverhill, who was killed by the Indians Aug. 29, 1708.

5. iii. Benjamin, b. Feb. 17, 1668–9.
6. iv. Joshua, b. Oct. 27, 1671.
7. v. Thomas, b. May —, 1674.
8. vi. Martha, b. Feb. 26, 1676–7.

vii. Sarah, b. Oct. 3, 1679.

9. viii. George, b. March 5, 1681–2.

ix. Mary, b. April 11, 1685.

x. John, b. Oct. 16, 1687.

xi. Katharine, b. Sept 18, 1690.

The will of Col. Daniel Peirce, dated August 12, 1701, proved May 8, 1704, mentions "Elizabeth my dear wife," sons Joshua, Thomas, George and John, son-in-law Simon Wainwright, grandson John Wainwright, daughters Martha, Sarah, Mary and Katharine, "cousin Joshua son of my brother Joshua deceased," "cousin Sarah Bradstreet daughter of my brother Joshua deceased," and makes "my son Benjamin my true and lawful heir and sole executor." He died in 1704, and his widow, December 9, 1709. His monument in the grave-yard of the first parish of Newbury gives the date of his death as April 22, 1704, and his age as 66; and pays him the following tribute:

"Here lies interred a soul indeed,
Whom few or none excelled,
In grace if any him exceed,
He'll be unparalleled."

3. Joshua (*Daniel* [1] *and Sarah*), born May 15, 1642, removed to Woodbridge, N. J., in 1665 or 1666, and died there in 1670. He was married to Dorothy (born Nov. 11, 1645), daughter of Major Robert Pike (by wife Sarah Sanders), of Salisbury, Mass., May 7, 1668. They had:

10. i. Sarah, b. March 18, 1668–9.
11. ii. Joshua, b. Jan. 14, 1670–1.

4. Martha (*Daniel* [1] *and Sarah*,) born February 14, 1648, was married to Col. Thomas Noyes, of Newbury, Dec. 28, 1669. Thomas Noyes, born Aug. 10, 1648, was the sixth child of the Rev. James Noyes, who emigrated in 1634, and was the colleague of his relative the Rev. Thomas Parker, of Newbury, from 1635 till his own death, Oct. 22, 1656. They had:

i. Sarah, b. Sept. 14, 1670.
ii. Martha, b. Feb. 21, 1672–3.
iii. Daniel, b. Aug. 30, 1674.

She died September 3, 1674. Her husband married Elizabeth Greenleaf, September 24, 1677, and they had eight children. (Coffin's His. of Newbury, 312.)

5. Benjamin (*Col. Daniel* [2] *and Elizabeth*), born February 17, 1668, married Lydia ——. They had:

i. Daniel, b. Aug. 6, 1693; died Aug. 25, 1693.
ii. Charles, b. Feb. 3, 1695–6.
iii. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 14, 1696.

iv. Daniel, b. Oct. 11, 1698; it is probable that Daniel who died Nov. 27, 1729, was his son, and that the Mrs. Elizabeth Peirce who died Dec. 2, 1729, was his wife.
v. Benjamin, b. June 13, 1700.
vi. John, b. Nov. 7, 1703; married Sarah Adams, of Kittery, Me., Nov. 12, 1730. They had Sarah, b. July 21, 1731; Lydia, b. Oct. 30, 1735.

Benjamin Peirce, Esq., died May 19, 1711.

6. Joshua (*Col. Daniel* [2] *and Elizabeth*), born October 27, 1671, and Joanna Gerrish, were published as intending marriage, Dec. 5, 1703. They had:

i. Anne, b. Oct. 11, 1701.
ii. Joshua, b. Jan. 15, 1705–6.
iii. Mary, b. Oct. 15, 1707.
iv. Henry, b. May 27, 1710.
12. v. Samuel, } born prior to Feb. 1717–18.
vi. Moses, }

Administration of Joshua's estate was granted in February, 1717–18, to his brother-in-law Joseph Gerrish. And division of estate was made in 1736–7 among the above named children, except Anne, who was probably dead at that time.

7. Thomas (*Col. Daniel* [2] *and Elizabeth*), born May, 1674, was married to Mehitable Frost, January 5, 1697-8. They had:

i. John, b. Nov. 5, 1698.

8. Martha (*Col. Daniel* [2] *and Elizabeth*), born February 26, 1677, married William Johnson, of Newbury, November 9, 1702. They had:

i. Elizabeth, b. Aug. 17, 1703.
ii. Martha, b. Nov. 17, 1704.
iii. William, b. May 13, 1706.
iv. Mary, b. Sept. 11, 1708.
v. Mary, b. Oct. 22, 1709.
vi. Moses, b. Aug. 1, 1711.
vii. Nicholas, b. March 19, 1714–15.
viii. Eliezer, b. May 11, 1718.

9. George Peirce (*Col. Daniel* [2] *and Elizabeth*), born March 5, 1682, removed to Portsmouth. He was married to Elizabeth Langdon, of Portsmouth, March 28, 1706. They had:

i. Elizabeth, b. May 15, 1708.
ii. George, b. Aug. 17, 1712; married Jerusha Furber, of Newington, March 25, 1738.
iii. Sarah, b. March 25, 1718.
iv. Tobias, b. Oct. 18, 1719.
v. Mehitable, b. Dec. 18, 1722.
vi. Mary and } b. March 24, 1726–7.
vii. Martha, }
viii. Dorothy, b. July 11, 1728.

He was married to his second wife, Mary Hunking, of Portsmouth, January 10, 1733–4.

10. Sarah (*Joshua* [3] *and Dorothy*), born in Woodbridge, N. J., March 18, 1668–9, was married to Dr. Humphrey Bradstreet, of Newbury, son of Moses, of Rowley, and grandson of Humphrey, of Ipswich, who came to America with Daniel Peirce in 1634. They had:

i. Dorothy, b. Dec. 19, 1692.
ii. Joshua, b. Feb. 21, 1695–6.
iii. Sarah, b. Jan. 11, 1697–8.
iv. Daniel, b. Feb. 13, 1701–2.

Dr. Humphrey Bradstreet died May 11, 1717.

11. Joshua (*Joshua* [3] *and Dorothy*), born in Woodbridge, N. J., Jan. 14, 1670–1, is presumed to have returned to Newbury soon after the death of his father, with his mother, who subsequently married John Knight, of Newbury. After ineffectual attempts to recover the estate of his father in New-Jersey, Joshua removed to Portsmouth, N. H., about the year 1694. He was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Hall, of Portsmouth, January 24, 1694–5. A brief sketch of his life is given in the preceding memoir. His valuable record of "Births, Marriages and Deaths in Portsmouth," from 1706 to 1742, was published in the Historical and Genealogical Register, Vols. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27. They had:

13. i. Sarah, b. April 30, 1697.
ii. Joseph, born Feb. 21, 1698; a physician; married Sarah Reed; d. Feb. 7, 1747–8.
iii. Joshua, b. Oct. 31, 1700; d. Aug. 13, 1754.
14. iv. Anna, b. Sept. 10, 1702; married Joseph Green; d. Dec. 28, 1770.
v. Elizabeth, b. May 31, 1705; married Capt. (? William Osborne, b. July 13, 1706); d. June 9, 1764.
vi. Mary, b. Oct. 29, 1707; married Col. Samuel Moore; d. Mar. 2, 1752–3.
15. vii. Daniel, b. May 2, 1709.
viii. Nathaniel, b. Jan. 7, 1711–12; married Ann Jaffrey, who afterward married Judge Leverett Hubbard; d. Aug. 27, 1762.
16. ix. Margaret, b. June 25, 1711; married Benjamin Green, of Boston, Nov. 21, 1737; d. June 9, 1761.

His first wife died January 13, 1717–18, aged 44; and on the 5th of March, 1718–19, he was married to Elizabeth Wade, of Dover, N. H. He died February 7, 1742–3, aged 72.

12. Samuel (*Joshua* [6] *and Joanna*) married Mary ———. They had:

i. Samuel, d. Sept. 30, 1822, aged 83.
ii. Stephen, d. May 12, 1812, aged 71.
iii. Mary, m. Nathan Poor; d. April 29, 1823, aged 79.
17. iv. Enoch, b. Jan. 12, 1753.

13. Sarah (*Joshua* [11] *and Elizabeth*), born in Portsmouth, April 30, 1697, was married, first, September 21, 1721, to John Wiuslow, of Boston, born December 31, 1693. They had:

i. Sarah, b. Aug. 2, 1722; married John Demming.
ii. John, b. March 5, 1725–6.
iii. Joshua, b. Jan. 23, 1726–7; a paymaster in the British army; married Anna, daughter of Joseph and Anna (Peirce) Green (14, i.).

Her first husband died at sea, Oct. 15, 1731, and she married, secondly, Nathaniel Sargent, of Portsmouth, in 1749. She died Aug. 21, 1771.

14. Anna (*Joshua* [11] *and Elizabeth*), born September 10, 1702, was married December 28, 1727, to Joseph Green, born December 12, 1703. He was a son of the Rev. Joseph and Elizabeth (Gerrish) Green, of Salem Village, now Danvers, Mass. Joseph, the son, was a successful merchant of Boston, where he owned a large estate. In 1740 he was one of three grantees of a large tract of land in the county of Franklin, Mass., after-

ward known as the "Green and Walker grant." He was a magistrate by commission from Gov. Shirley in 1756, and Gov. Bernard in 1761. He took an active part in the politics of his time, and gave his sympathy and support to the colonists in their controversy with the British ministry. He died July 1, 1765, and his wife died December 28, 1770. They had:

i. Anna, born Oct. 4, 1728; married Joshua Winslow of Marshfield, Mass., January 3, 1758 (13, iii.).
ii. Joseph, born Feb. 7, 1729–30.
iii. Joshua, born May 17, 1731; H. C. 1749; married Hannah, dau. of Ebenezer and Mary (Edwards) Storer, of Boston.
iv. Elizabeth, born July 17, 1732.
v. Edward, born Sept. 18, 1733; married Mary Storer, April 14, 1757.
vi. Elizabeth, born Oct. 12, 1731; married Ebenezer Storer (brother of Hannah and Mary above mentioned), July 11, 1751.
vii. Charles, born Nov. 30, 1735.
viii. ——— (stillborn), May 12, 1737.
ix. Henry, born June 2, 1735.
x. Mitchelson, born March 19, 1740–1.
xi. George, born Oct. 13, 1742; a merchant of Boston; married Nov. 15, 1769, Katharine Aspinwall, of Brookline.
xii. Susanna, born July 26, 1711; married Oct. 18, 1769, her cousin, Francis Green, a son of Benjamin Green, of Halifax, N. S. (16, iii.).

15. Daniel (*Joshua* [11] *and Elizabeth*), born May 2, 1709, was graduated from Harvard College in 1728. He married Ann, daughter of John Rindge, of Portsmouth, October 29, 1742. A sketch of his life is given in the preceding memoir. They had:

i. Ann, b. Oct. 21, 1713; married Thomas Martin, of Portsmouth; d. July 6, 1811.
ii. Joshua, b. Nov. 3, 1714; d. July 16, 1748.
18. iii. John, b. Aug. 19, 1716; married Mary Pearse; d. June 14, 1814.
iv. Joseph, b. June 25, 1718; d. in Alton, N. H., Sept. 12, 1812.

He died December 5, 1773; his wife, October 19, 1748.

16. Margaret (*Joshua* [11] *and Elizabeth*), born June 25, 1714, was married November 24, 1737, to Col. Benjamin Green, a brother of Joseph (14), before mentioned. He was in mercantile business in Boston until the year 1745, when the expedition against Louisburg took place, in which he acted as military secretary to Sir William Pepperrell. He filled other "offices of honor and responsibility" at Louisburg until 1749, when he removed to Halifax, N. S. There, also, he held important public offices. They had:

i. Margaretta, born in Boston: married John Newton, of Halifax; died in 1763.
ii. Benjamin, born in Boston; died in 1793. Several of his sons were officers in the British army and navy.
iii. Francis, born in Boston, Aug. 21, 1742 (11, xii.); died in Medford, April 21, 1809.
iv. Charlotte, born in Boston: married Henry Newton, collector of customs for Nova Scotia; died in 1782.
v. Charles, born in Halifax.
vi. Edward Mitchelson, born in Halifax.
vii. Edward Cornwallis, born in Halifax.

For further particulars in regard to Joseph and Benjamin Green and the family to which they belong, the reader is referred to the paper entitled

"Percival and Ellen Green," in the HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL REGISTER, XV. 105, contributed by Samuel A. Green, M.D., from which paper, chiefly, the data in regard to Joseph and Benjamin Green have been drawn.

17. ENOCH (*Samuel* [12] *and Mary*), born Jan. 12, 1753; married Aug. 8, 1792, Sarah, daughter of William Gerrish, and widow of Amos Stickney. He died May 31, 1812, aged 59. They had:

i. SARAH, b. Oct. 14, 1791; d. Feb. 26, 1859.
19. ii. ENOCH, b. Jan. 27, 1797; d. Nov. 20, 1832; m. Elizabeth Stickney.
iii. PAUL, b. Aug. 26, 1801; d. Nov. 9, 1801.

18. JOHN (*Daniel* [15] *and Ann*), born August 19, 1746; married Mary, daughter of Peter Pearse, and granddaughter of the Hon. Jotham and Mehitable (Cutt) Odiorne. They had:

i. MARK HUNKING, b. July 31, 1787; married Margaret Sparhawk; d. Feb. 10, 1816.
ii. SAMUEL FISHER, b. Oct. 9, 1789; d. Dec. 27, 1791.
20. iii. JOSHUA WINSLOW, b. May 14, 1791.
iv. ANN RINDGE, b. Jan. 9, 1794; married the Rev. Charles Burroughs, D.D.
v. MARY ODIORNE, b. Jan. 5, 1798; d. Nov. 4, 1801.
vi. DANIEL HALL; B.A. 1820; M.D. 1823 (H. C.).

19. SARAH (*Enoch* [17] *and Sarah*), born Oct. 14, 1794; married Nathaniel Pierce, son of Nicholas (8, vii.), Sept. 20, 1820, and died Feb. 26, 1859. They had:

i. NATHANIEL, b. March 28, 1823; B. A. (Bowdoin College) 1844; counsellor-at-law, Newburyport, Mass.

This branch write the name Pierce instead of Peirce.

20. JOSHUA WINSLOW (*John* [18] *and Mary*), born May 14, 1791, was married to Emily, daughter of William and Anna (Wentworth) Sheafe, of Portsmouth, May 4, 1823. (See preceding pages for his memoir.) They had twelve children, namely: John Peter, Sarah Collin, Ann Wentworth, Emily Sheafe (deceased), Joseph Wentworth, Joshua Rindge (Rector of St. Mary's for Sailors, Boston), Mary Pearse (deceased), James Sheafe (deceased), Mark Wentworth (deceased), William Augustus, Daniel Rindge, (deceased), Robert Cutts.